



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1305

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BUILDING OFFICIALS HOLDING
PLUMBING OR ELECTRICAL LICENSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-334d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Accredited continuing professional education" means any
5 education of an electrician or plumber that is designed to maintain
6 professional competence in the pursuit, practice and standards of
7 electrical work or plumbing and piping work and that is approved by
8 the commissioner and is provided by an organization, institution or
9 agency that is approved by the commissioner;

10 (2) "Certificate of continuing education" means a document issued
11 to an electrician or plumber by an organization, institution or agency
12 approved by the commissioner that offers accredited continuing
13 professional education, which (A) certifies that an electrician or
14 plumber has satisfactorily completed a specified number of continuing
15 education hours, and (B) bears the name of such organization,
16 institution or agency, the title of the program, the dates during which
17 the program was conducted, the number of continuing education
18 hours satisfactorily completed and the signature of the director of such

19 organization, institution or agency or the signature of the director's
20 authorized agent;

21 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
22 Protection.

23 (b) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
24 Electrical Work Board established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
25 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to (1)
26 establish requirements for accredited continuing professional
27 education for electricians licensed pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-
28 341, inclusive; (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited continuing
29 professional education programs and establish qualifying criteria for
30 acceptable certificates of continuing education; and (3) provide for the
31 waiver of required accredited continuing professional education for
32 electricians for good cause, including, but not limited to, the waiver of
33 continuing professional education requirements under this subsection
34 for municipal building officials in good standing who hold current
35 electrician's licenses issued pursuant to this chapter and who have
36 completed relevant continuing professional education courses for
37 building officials.

38 (c) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
39 Plumbing and Piping Work Board established pursuant to subsection
40 (d) of section 20-331, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
41 chapter 54, to (1) establish requirements for accredited continuing
42 professional education for plumbers licensed pursuant to sections 20-
43 330 to 20-341, inclusive, which regulations shall require not more than
44 a total of seven hours of accredited continuing professional education
45 every two years, except in the event of significant changes to the
46 building code, as approved by the Building Officials and Code
47 Administrators International, Incorporated, that relate to plumbing,
48 the commissioner, at such commissioner's discretion, may require
49 more than a total of seven hours of accredited continuing professional
50 education every two years; (2) establish qualifying criteria for
51 accredited continuing professional education programs and establish

52 qualifying criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing education;
 53 and (3) provide for the waiver of required accredited continuing
 54 professional education for plumbers for good cause, including, but not
 55 limited to, the waiver of continuing professional education
 56 requirements under this subsection for municipal building officials in
 57 good standing who hold current plumber's licenses issued pursuant to
 58 this chapter and who have completed relevant continuing professional
 59 education courses for building officials.

60 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section,
 61 any person who has been issued a P-6, P-7, W-8 or W-9 license
 62 pursuant to section 20-334a and the regulations of Connecticut state
 63 agencies shall not be required to meet the continuing education
 64 requirements established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	January 1, 2008	20-334d
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